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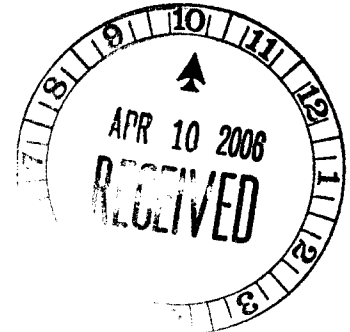
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RE: Docket Number EP_661_0

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Diane Elhakim and I am the Logistics Manager for Degussa Corporation, whose office is in Parsippany, New Jersey. My company is a shipper of chemicals, feed additives, minerals, and carbon blacks, and has had over \$24 million in transportation costs paid to NAFTA railroads in calendar year 2005.

I hereby request to speak at the upcoming Public Hearing of Ex Parte No. 661, Rail Fuel Surcharges, on May 11, 2006. I will present no proprietary information and keep my comments objective and true to the subject. I request twenty (20) minutes and will have about five or six slides.

Please advise at your earliest convenience if I am granted the time to speak, and also if an overhead projector will be provided. I can also use my laptop to connect with your projector equipment, bring a CD, or please advise if my presubmitted presentation (submission deadline by April 27) will be displayed by other means. If slides are not desired, I can keep my presentation to verbal statements. I am new to this process and would welcome any suggestions or comments in order to satisfy any requirements necessary to fulfill the expectations of the STB.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Diane Elhakim'.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that I have provided notice of my filing to speak at the upcoming hearing on Ex Parte No. 661, Rail Fuel Surcharges, on May 11, 2006 to the following service list entries as of April 7, 2006:

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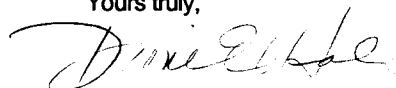
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Yours truly,



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